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SUBJ: RECOVERY OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES FROM THE SUNKEN "CAVTAT"

1. ON MARCH 23 THE ITALIAN PARLIAMENT PASSED A LAW WHICH PROVIDES TEN BILLION LIRE (11.25 MILLION DLRS) FOR THE RECOVERY OF THE 900 DRUMS OF TETRAETHYL LEAD ABOARD THE YUGOSLAV SHIP CAVTAT WHICH SANK IN 1974 IN THE ADRIATIC OFF THE ITALIAN TOWN OF OTRANTO. THE LAW CALLS FOR BIDS FROM FOREIGN AND ITALIANS FIRMS TO EFFECT THE RECOVERY.

2. THE JUDGE OF OTRANTO, WHO HAS BEEN CONDUCTING A VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN FOR THE RECOVERY OF THE SHIP, OPPOSES THE BIDDING AND WILL PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT TO THE LAW TO HAVE THE MONEY ASSIGNED TO SAIPEN, AN AFFILIATE OF THE STATE OWNED HOLDING COMPANY FOR HYDROCARBONS (ENI) WHICH ALREADY HAS SHIPS AND EQUIPMENT IN THE AREA AND RECOVERED THE FIRST DRUM LAST FEBRUARY.

3. COMMANDER SCOTTO OF THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL (CNR) COMMISSION FOR OCEANOGRAPHY SAID THAT THE CNR, IN COOPERATION WITH THE INSTITUTE OF HEALTH AND THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE'S HYDROBIOLOGY LABORATORY, CONDUCTED TESTS FOR POSSIBLE LEAD POLLUTION IN THE SURROUNDING WATERS, BUT NO POLLUTION WAS DETECTED. THESE TESTS HAVE BEEN UNCLASSIFIED

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CONDUCTED EVERY TWO OR THREE MONTHS AND WILL CONTINUE. HE FURTHER SAID THAT THE RECOVERED DRUM WAS IN GOOD CONDITION AND THAT NO TETRAETHYL HAD LEAKED OUT. CNR CONTENDS THAT TETRAETHYL LEAD IS NOT SOLUBLE IN MARINE WATER AND THAT POTENTIAL LEAKS WILL PROBABLY DEPOSIT THE TETRAETHYL ON THE SEA BOTTOM. THE CURRENTS IN THAT AREA ARE STRONG AND MOVE TOWARD AFRICA. GARDNER

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